

JOHN PHILIP SOUSA HOUSE

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John Philip Sousa, known far and wide as “the March King,” became the director of the United States Marine Corps Band in 1880. During the succeeding 12 years he composed numerous marches for the unit, among them “Semper Fidelis” and the “Washington Post March.” His “Stars and Stripes Forever” remains his best loved and most often played composition. Its stirring sounds have become an almost de rigeur accompaniment for Fourth of July fireworks celebrations across the nation. Sousa lived at this rambling stuccoed house overlooking Manhasset Bay from 1915 until his death in 1932.